# RE-301 SERVICE NOTES

#### SECOND EDITTION

#### 1. SPECIFICATIONS

#### **1-1. INPUT**

	Impedance	Sensitivity*
-50dB	3ΚΩ	3.2 (2.8) mVrms
-35dB	<b>5</b> 6KΩ	17.8 (12.5) mVrms
-20dB	<b>5</b> 6KΩ	100 (58) mVrms

<sup>\*</sup>With 1KHz sine wave input, to obtain 0 VU, slightly over which Peak Level Lamp lights up. Figures in parenthesis indicate sensitivity for Serial No. Up to 621849.

#### 1-2. OUTPUT

	Level	Impedance (Approx.)		
	Feaci	Connected to both A and B Jacks	Connected to A Jack alone	
H: -15dB	88mVrms	5ΚΩ	2.5ΚΩ	
M: -25dB	27mVrms	1.5ΚΩ	0.75ΚΩ	
L: -35dB	9mVrms	0.5ΚΩ	<b>0.25K</b> Ω	

\*Input: 1KHz sine wave, 3.2mVrms, with Input Level switch at -50dB.

Setting: All effects - off, Direct signal - on

Output: No load, from A Jack

#### 1-3. TONE CONTROL

Input	3.2mVrms sine wave, Input Level at -50dB				
mput	600Hz		6KHz		
BASS	MAX	MIN	CENTER		
TREBLE	LE CENTER		MAX	MIN	
Output	240mV	7mV	150mV	7mV	
	No load, fi	rom A Jack			

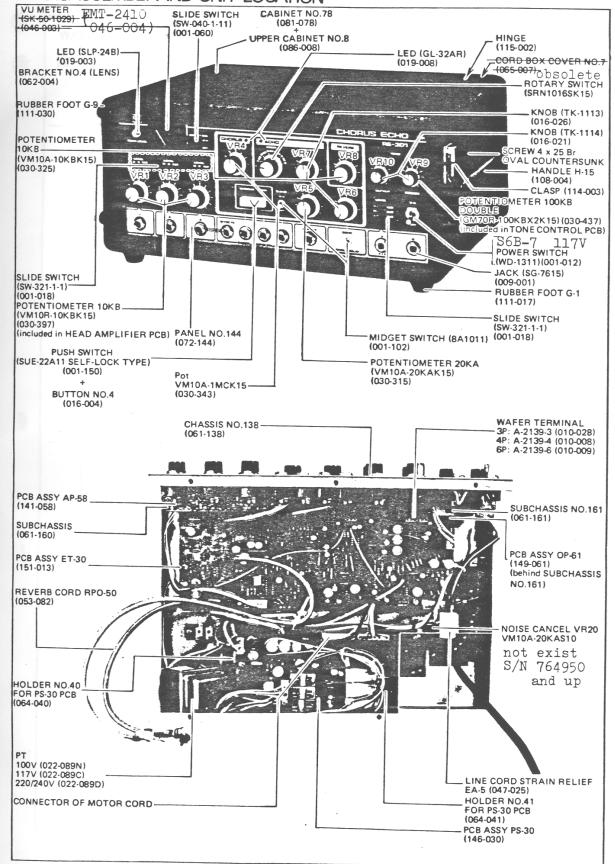
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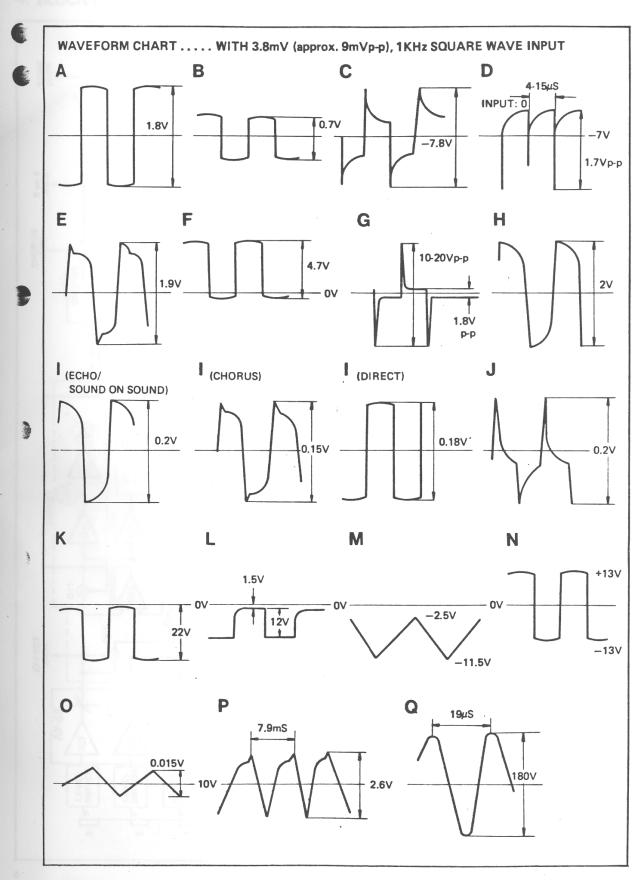
	Repeat Rate	Mode 1 PH-1	Mode 2 PH-2	Mode 3 PH-3	Sound on Sound PH-4
ЕСНО	Max. Center Min.	40ms 60ms 130ms	80ms 120ms 260ms	210ms 320ms 720ms	10s 15s 35s
	Intensity		C	Delay Time	
CHORUS	Min. Max.			2ms 12ms	

#### 1-5. OTHERS

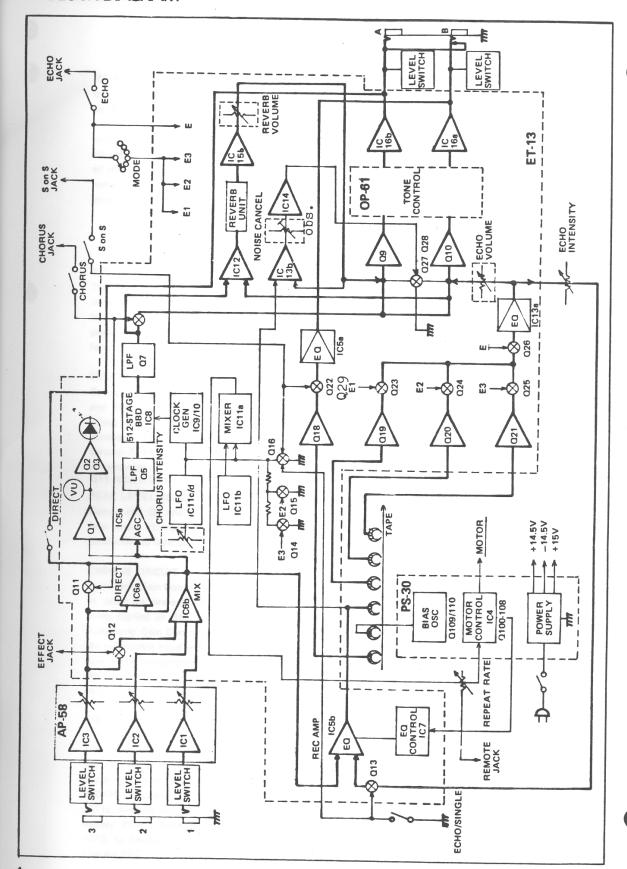
•	Power consumption	W
•	Dimensions	m
	Weight	

## 2. DISASSEMBLY AND UNIT LOCATION





## 4. BLOCK DIAGRAM



### 5. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

RE-301 produces (1) Direct sound, (2) Echo and Sound on Sound sounds by tape mechanism, (3) Chorus sound by BBD and (4) Reverb sound by spring. The unit comprises circuits to produce the above sounds and auxiliary circuits like motor circuit and power supply circuit. Most of the control of these circuits and switching of signals are processed by DC voltage, which serves to reduce the number of signal wiring, resulting in great improvement in signal-to-noise ratio and hum level.

#### 1ST PREAMPLIFIER (AP-58)

The input signal is attenuated by changing the feedback in IC1, IC2 and IC3 and also by changing the input impedance. At -20dB and -35dB input level switch positions, impedance is high and at -50dB, impedance is low.

#### MIXER & DIRECT SOUND AMPLIFIER (IC6)

Output signal from AP-58 is mixed by Mixer IC6b and the mixed signal is amplified by IC6a to become Direct sound signal. The mixed signal is also fed to successive effect circuits. When EFFECT is cancelled through EFFECTS CANCEL REMOTE jack, Input No.3 is connected to Direct Sound Amplifier IC6a alone. Q11 reduces Direct Level when Chorus is ON.

#### PEAK LEVEL INDICATOR

Comparator Q2 and Q3 operates with sine wave of the level where VU meter indication exceeds 0, making LED conductive to light up.

#### **CHORUS CIRCUIT**

Automatic Gain Control & Low-Pass Filter

In order to prevent excessive amplitude signal from being applied on BBD (IC8) that may cause distortion, Automatic Gain Control IC5a controls the signal below the permissible input level of BBD.

Low-pass filter comprises Q5 and C & R's, and attenuates the frequencies of input signal which may cause beating by interference with clock frequency.

#### **BBD CLOCK GENERATOR**

Clock leakage in the output signal of BBD IC8 is decreased by VR13 and subsequent low-pass filter comprising Q7 and C & R's.

Clock generator IC9a, 9c and 9d generates 45K – 250KHz frequency, while being modulated by LFO IC11c. And the output is frequency-divided to approximately 20K – 130KHz, by the subsequent Flip Flop IC10, to become clock pulses of opposite polarity to operate BBD.

#### **ECHO CIRCUIT**

Recording Amplifier & Equalizer

In order to improve signal-to-noise ratio, higher frequency is pre-emphasized in recording amplifier IC5b.

On the other hand, recording frequency response changes in accordance with the change in tape speed. To compensate for this change, the capacitance of IC7 which demonstrates capacitor character is changed by the voltage that is proportional to motor speed, causing change in equalizer curve.

Playback equalization (de-emphasis) is made by IC13a. But equalization for sound-on-sound playback is made exclusively by IC15a.

#### **MOTOR DRIVE**

Motor drive circuit comprises Q100 — 108 and IC4b on PS-30. Output voltage from IC11a on ET-13 is changed by Repeat Rate control VR5. This voltage is compared by IC4b with the voltage proportional to motor speed. The difference is applied on Q108 to control the power applied on the motor.

In order to obtain natural echo effect through adequate motor revolution, LFO outputs are mixed by IC11a and added on the control voltage. The voltage differs for each of playback head. At Chorus effect, outputs from two LFO's are added to IC11a.

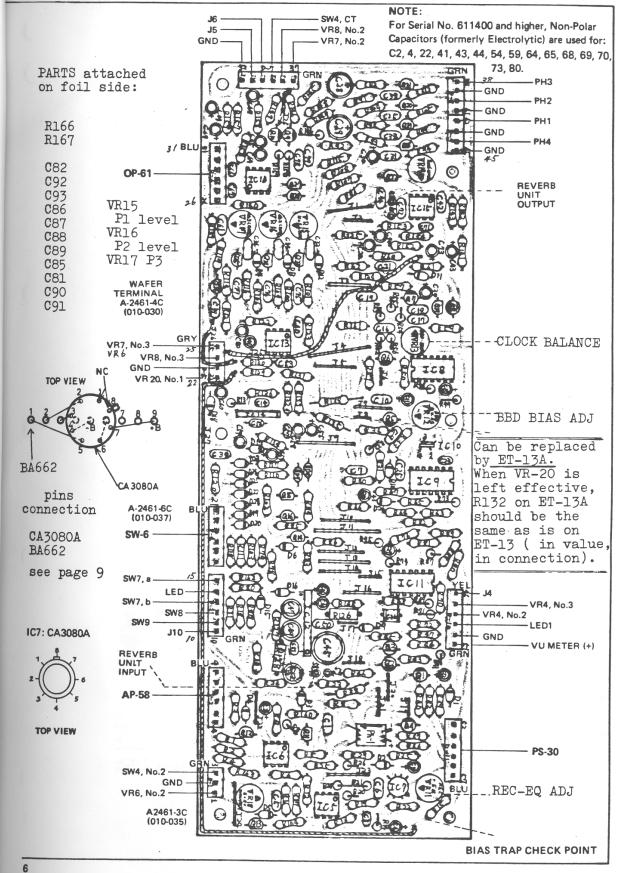
IC4a produces DC voltage that is proportional to motor speed and it is applied to the recording equalizer control circuit mentioned above.

#### NOISE CANCEL CIRCUIT

Q27 and Q28 conduct when input signal is very low and any noise that is generated in the preceding circuits are grounded.

With signal exceeding the noise level, the minus voltage from IC14 is cut off to pass the signal.

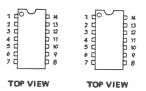
## 6 MAIN BOARD ET-13 (151-013) Serial No. up to 764799

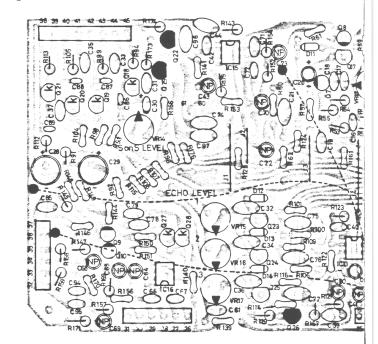


### 6-I MAIN BOARD ET-13 A (151-013A)

Can replace ET-13 see note below.

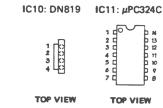






IC'S IC5, 6, 13, 15, 16: JRC4558D (NJM) JAPC4558C (NEC)

**TOP VIEW** 



Circuit impro

Serial No. 764800

PCB Assy chang inter taken - ref

S.on. S. add,chang chang

OUTPUT add,

IC7 chang 3080 inter of pi

2SC100GR repla

inter

Serial No.764950 - NOISE CANCEL

Varia VR S/N No.805700 -R168(

Q18 - 21, Q27, Q28 Q26, Q22, Q29

-: Q1,Q2, Q4 -10

2SK68A-K

2SK30A-Y

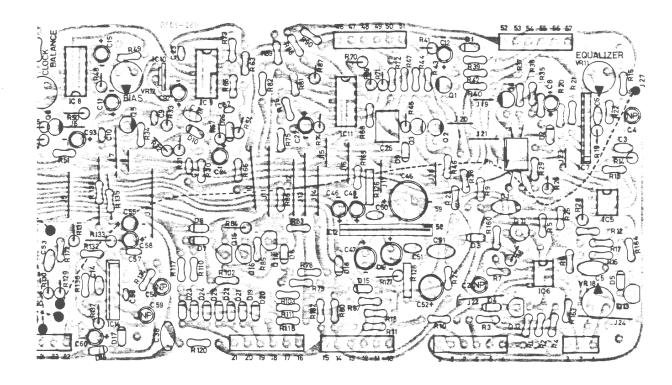
2SC732TM-GR

2SA733-P or Q

O: Q11 - 17, Q23 - 25 2SK68A-K or L, M, N

Diode

181588



vements and Component changes

e,- ET-13 to ET-13A changeable, but care should be if NOISE CANCEL, VR2O is needed er to below.

FET switch Q29, 2SK30A-Y e,- Q22, 2SK68 to 2SK30A-Y e,-EQ circuit (RC constant)

LPF

e,- 3080A to BA662 is not in production changeable with proper connection ns.

ce,- by 2SC732TM-GR changeable

805699

ble to Fix resistor 20 to R168, 18k-ohm

obs.) to R132(lk to 2.2k)

LEVEL METER

S/N No. 785450 - change, - BK-560(SK-50) to EMT-2410 compatible

IC CD4001BE

change,- to CD400l<u>UBE</u> or TC400l<u>UBP</u> CD400lBE with internal buffer for output gate

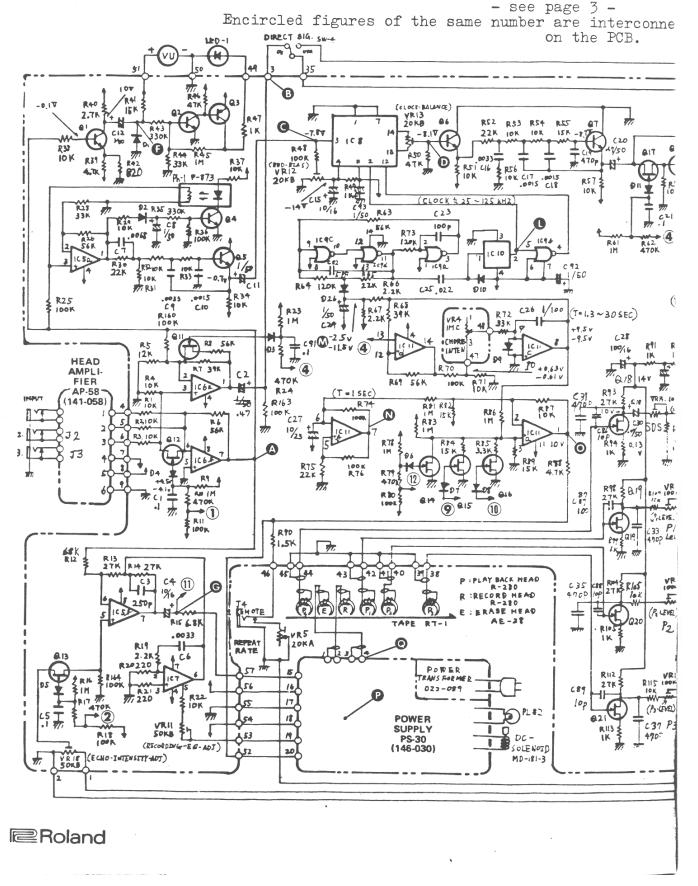
CD4001UBE without buffer

Using CD4001BE in CLOCK GENERATOR may result in no oscillation.

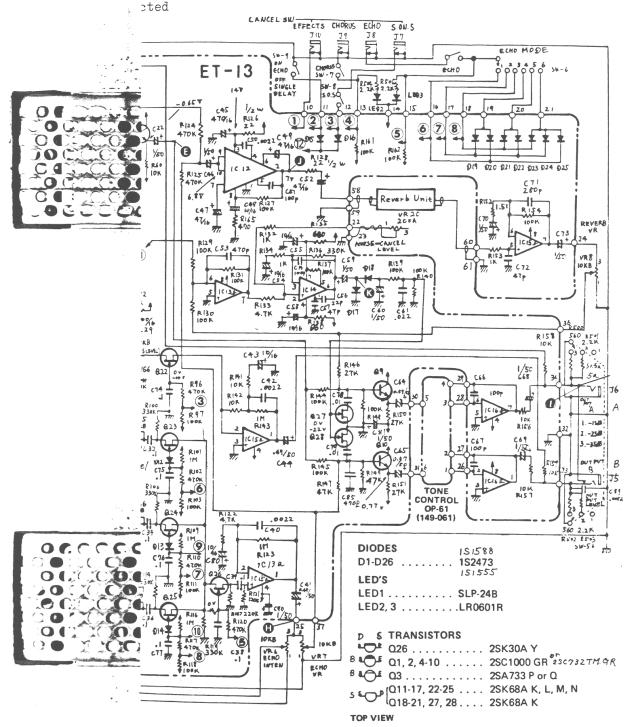
NOTE: To replace ET-13 with ET-13A, R132 (2.2K) should be changed to lk with one end connected to pin 22 if VR-20 left effective.

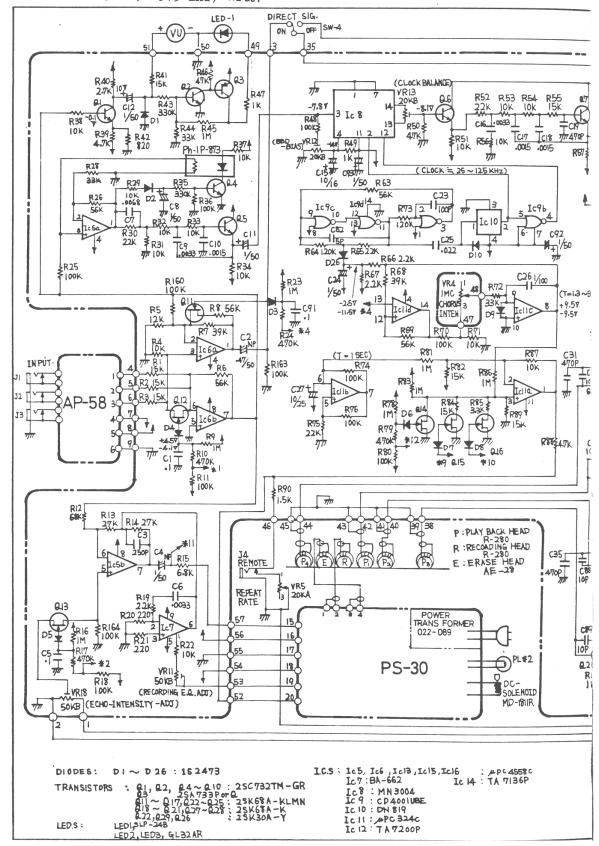
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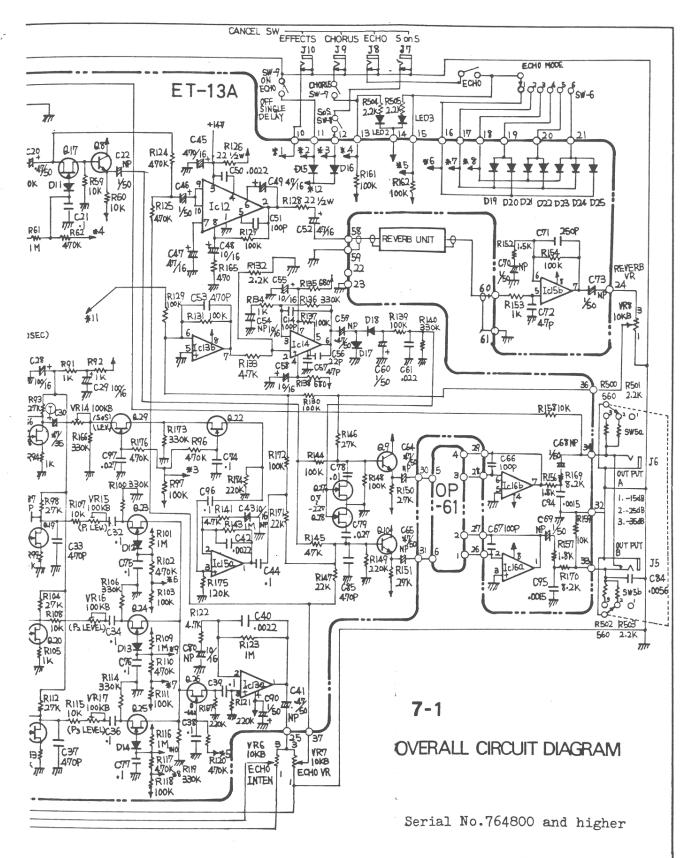
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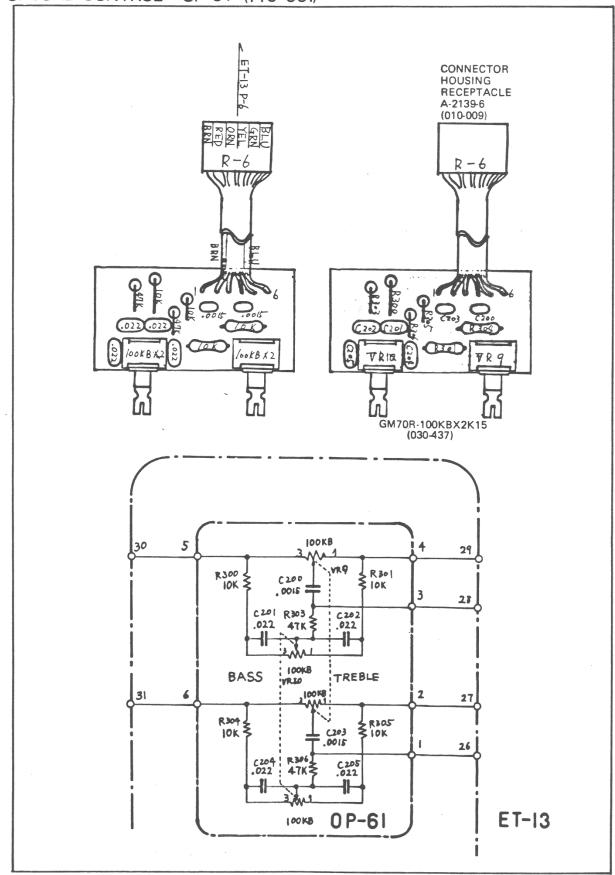




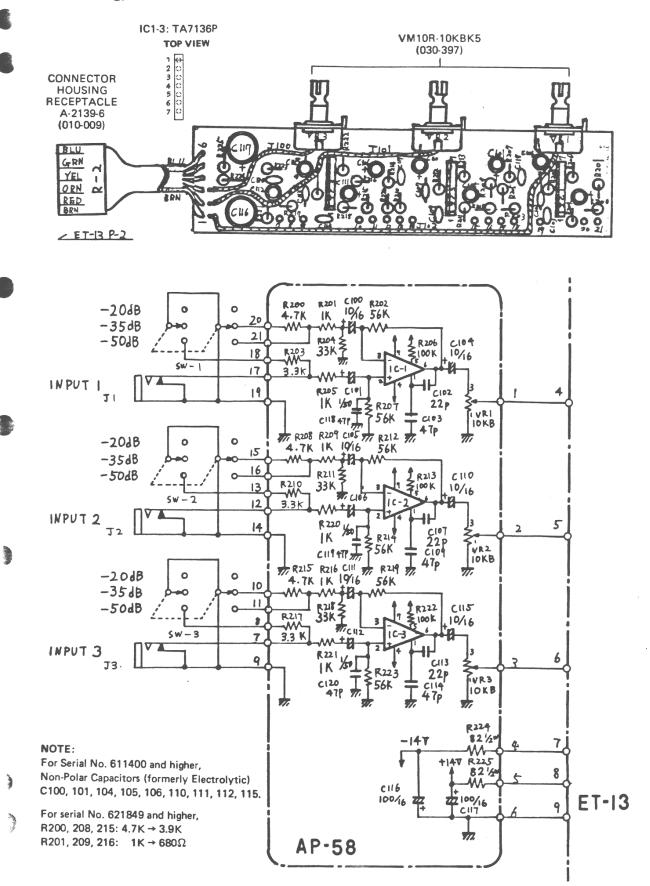


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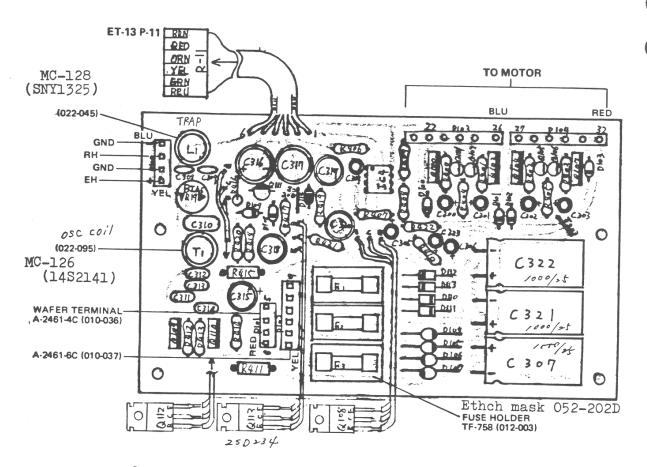
## 8. TONE CONTROL OP-61 (149-061)



## 9. HEAD AMPLIFIER AP-58 (141-058)



## 10. POWER SUPPLY PS-30 (146-030)



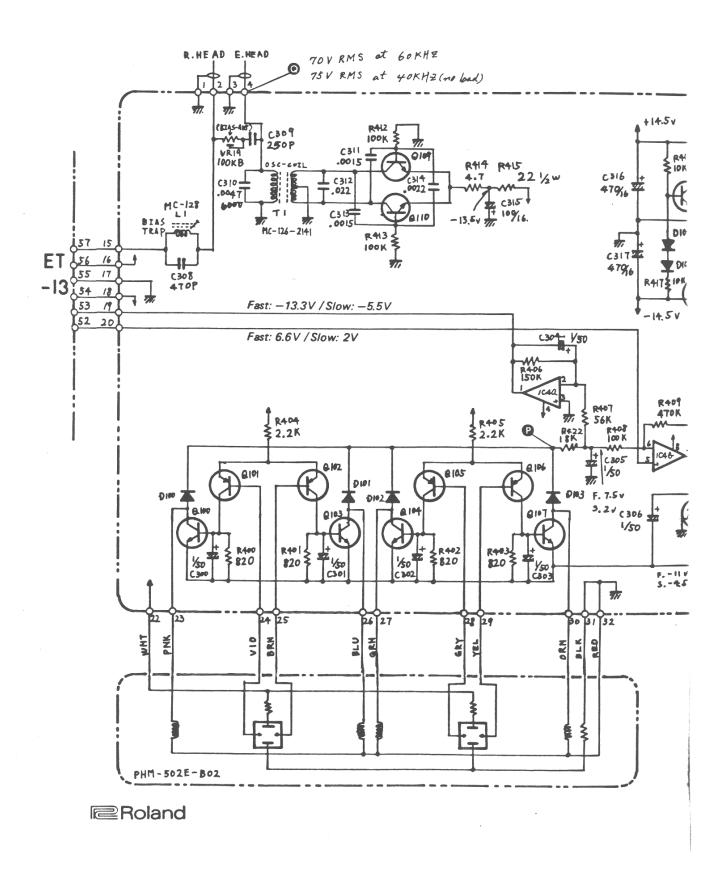
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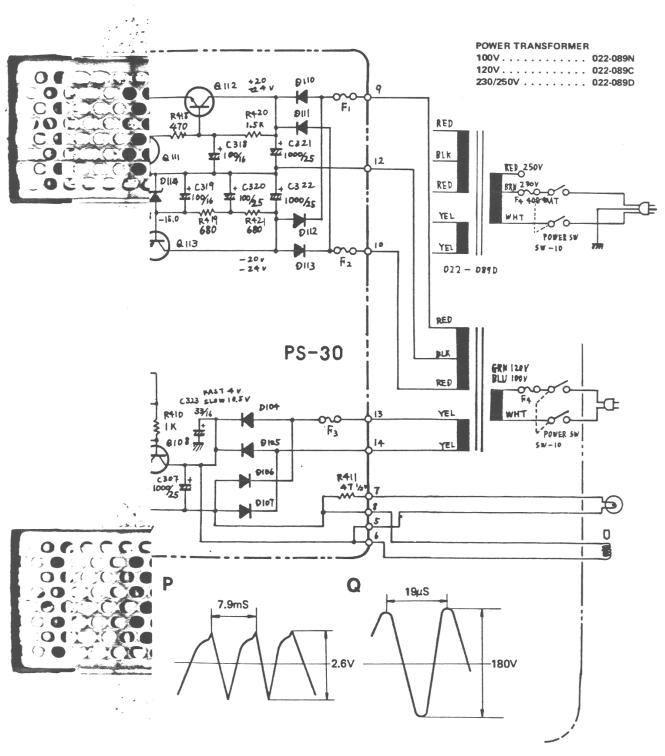
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ı	F1	1.0A SGA	008-026	400mAT	S	008-062	1.0A SGA	008-026
1	F2	1.0A SGA	008-026	400mAT	S	008-062	1.0A SGA	008-026
	F3	2.0A SGA	008-028	1.6AT	S	008-069	2.0A SGA	008-028
ı	F4	1.0A SGA	008-026	400mAT	S	008-062	0.5A SGA	008-024
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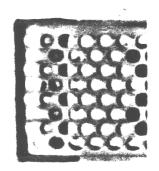
IC		
IC4	JRC4558D (NJM)	
	p.PC4558C(NEC	3)
	, 600	
	2 0 5 7 3 0 6 6	
•	40 5	

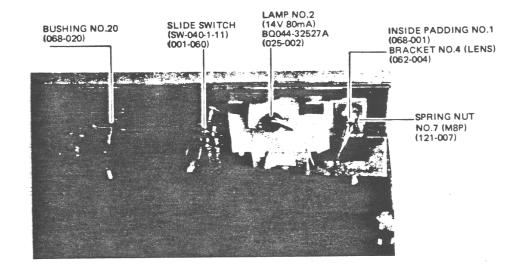
DIODES	TRANSISTORS
① D100-103, 108, 109 1S2473	0100, 103, 104, 107, 109. 2SD571 L
D104-107 GM-3Z	Q101, 102, 105, 106 2SA733 P or Q
D110-113 1N4003	Q108, 112 2SD234 O
D114 · 05Z-15	Q113 2SB434 O
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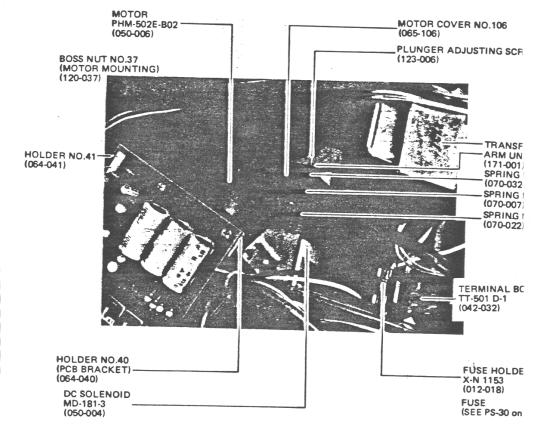


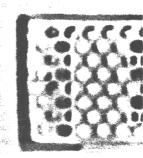


#### PARTS ILLUSTRATED









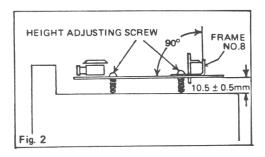
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	108-004 065-001 114-003 —115-002	Cabinet & Cover Carrying Handle H-15		
	108-004 065-001 114-003 —115-002	Carrying Handle H-15		Hotary SHN 1016S-k15
	065-001 114-003 		001-012	
	114-003 	Cover, cord box	001-012	Power WD-1311 (S6B-7 for 117V) Midget 8A-1011
		Clasp	001-018	Slide SW-321-1-1
	111_017	Hinge obs.	001-060	Slide SW-040-1-11
	111-017	Rubber Foot G-1	001-150	Push SUE-22A11
	111-030	Rubber Foot G-9	000 001	
	064-012	Angle H-12	009-001 046-003	Jack SG-7615 No.5   VU Meter SK-50 → BK560 → EMT2410
	065-112	Ventilation Grille	025-002	Lamp BQ044 (14V, 80mA) interchangeabl
	131-023 A	Vinyl Cover #23A	040-001	Reverb Unit Z-3F
	130-056	Carton No.156	010-028	Connector 3-pin A-2139-3
	057-004	Cleaner Set	010-008	Connector 4-pin A-2139-4
	057-006	Tape RT-1L (4.5m)	010-009	Connector 6-pin A-2139-6
	<b>0</b> 53-013	Connection Cord LI-10	010-035	Wafer Terminal 3-pin A-2461-3C
	061-138	Chassis, main	<b>0</b> 10-036	Wafer Terminal 4-pin A-2461-4C
	061-160	Chassis, input	010-037	Wafer Terminal 6-pin A-2461-6C
	061-161	Chassis, tone	022-095	OSC Coil MC-126-2141
	065-019	Cover No.19	022-045	Trap Coil MC-128
	073-024	Spacer No.24, (See photo, page 20.)	022-089N	Power Transformer (100V)
	063-013	Plate No.13	<b>022-089</b> C	Power Transformer (117V)
	065-114	Head Cover	<b>022-08</b> 9D	Power Transformer (220/240V)
	067-005	Guide Post, tape	012-003	Fuse Holder TF-758 (sec.)
	064-025 064-127	Guide, tape	012-018	Fuse Holder X-N 1153 (prim.)
	070-005	Platform, head Spring No.5	042-032	Terminal TT-501D-1 2P
	049-003	Record Head R-280MR	047-025	Line Cord Strain Relief EA-5
	049-004	Playback Head R-280MP		TRANSISTORS
	049-001	Erase Head AE-28	017-010	2SD-234 (O)
₩ NO.4	065-118	Shield, head	017-022	2SB-434 (O)
77 180.4	112-001	Pinch Roller No.1	017-072	2SD-571 (L)
	068-006	Cover, pinch roller	017-003	2SC-1000 (GR) or 2SC732TM-GR
	101-001	Felt No.1, pinch roller	017-012	2SA-733 (P) or (Q)
	050-006	Motor PHM-502E-B02		FET's
	065-106	Motor Cover	017-081	2SK-68A (K) (L/M/N)
	120-037	Motor Mounting Nut	017-014	2SK30A (Y)
	069-009	Shaft (for motor mounting)		
RMER	171-001	ARM UNIT ASS'Y AU-1 (includes the following)	019 014	DIODES
AU-1	050-004	DC SOLENOID	018-014 018-064	1S-2473 (1S-1555)
J.32A	070-007	Spring	018-022	GM-3Z   1N-4003
	070-022	Plunger Spring No.22	018-022	Zener 05Z-15 (500mW, 15V)
2.7	070-032	Spring No.32	019-003	LED SLP-24B
0.22	123-006	Plunger Adjusting Screw	019-008	LED GL-32AR
1.22	064-040	Bracket No.40 (PS-30)	019-011	Photocoupler P873A (RE) or (WHT)
	064-041	Bracket No.41 (PS-30)		IC's
	016-004	Button No.4 YG (push switch)	020-028	TA-7200P
	016-026	Knob TK-1113	020-025	JRC (NJM) 4558D
	016-021	Knob TK-1114 (small)	020-015	CA3080A or 020-160 BA662
.RD 2P	062-004	Bracket No.4, lens (SLP-24B)	020-027	TA7136P
	068-001	Pad (inside bracket No.4)	020-067	CD4001UBE Or 020-194 TC4001UBP
	121-007	Spring Nut No.7 M8P (Bracket No.4)	020-069	μPC324C
	068-020	Bushing No.20 (GL-32AR)	020-063	MN3004
	064-033	PCB Holder No.33 LCBS-4N	020-03	9 DN819
			020-07	PCB
			151-013	ET-13 Assembly
			052-203C	ET-13 less parts
			141-058	AP-58 Assembly
			052-200B	AP-58 less parts
age10.)			149-061	OP-61 Assembly
			052-201B	OP-61 less parts
			146-030	PS-30 Assembly
	117		052-202D	PS-30 less parts —— 202G

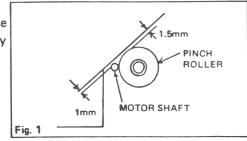
#### ADJUSTMENT AND CHECKING

#### 1. MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENT

#### 1-1, TAPE CHASSIS POSITION

Adjust the tape chassis position so that the clearance from the motor shaft is 1mm. See Fig.1. Secure it by tightening 2 screws at the rear section of the chassis.





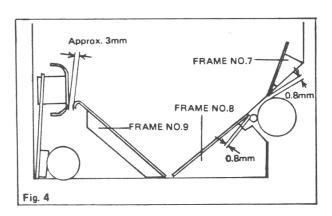
## 1-2. TAPE CHASSIS HEIGHT (TEMPORARY)

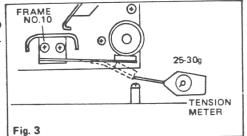
Adjust the tape chassis height so that it is 10.5±0.5mm above the main chassis. See Fig.2.

(Make sure that Frame No.8 is not deformed.)

#### 1-3. LEAF SPRING PRESSURE

Adjust position of Frame No.10 so that the tension to separate the leaf spring from the bearing roller is 25 – 30q. See Fig.3.





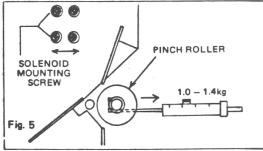
## 1.4. POSITION OF FRAMES NOS. 7, 8 AND 9 Secure the frames as illustrated in Fig.4. CAUTION:

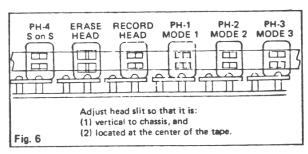
Make adjustment of position of Frames Nos. 7 and 8 accurately with the pinch roller in contact with the motor shaft.

#### 1-5. PINCH ROLLER PRESSURE

Plug in the power cord and turn switch on. Adjust the solenoid position so that the tension to separate the pinch roller from the motor shaft is 1.0 — 1.4kg, using a spring balance. See Fig.5.

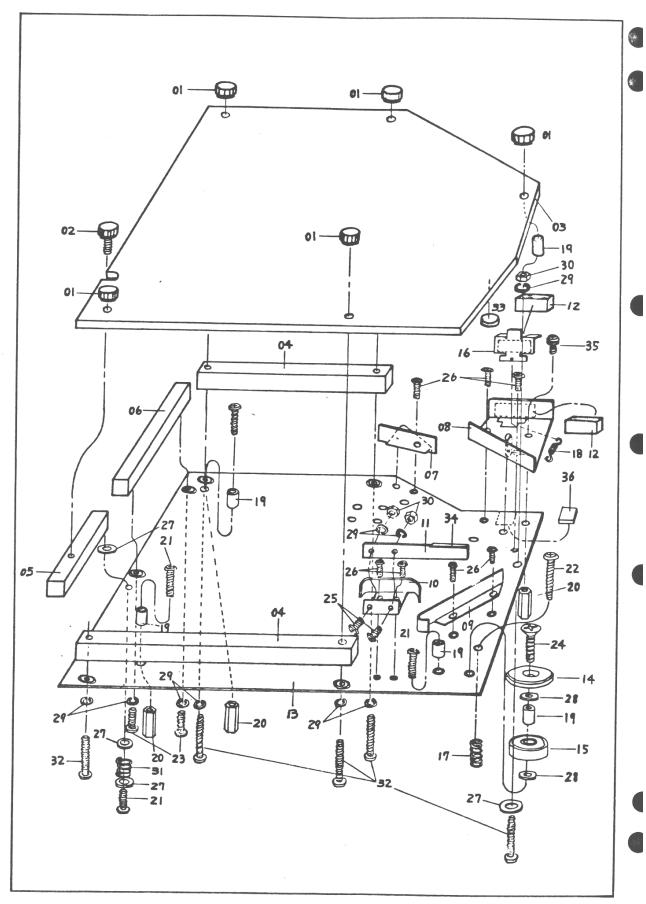
CAUTION: Make sure that pinch roller surface is perfectly parallel with the motor shaft.





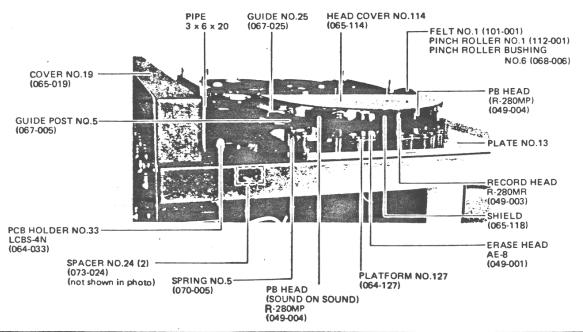
#### 1-6. TAPE PACK HEIGHT (FINAL)

- a) Thread the tape and run it.
- b) Consulting Fig.6, visually adjust the head alignment. (This alignment must be made first, otherwise tape cannot run stably.) Then proceed to electrical adjustment.

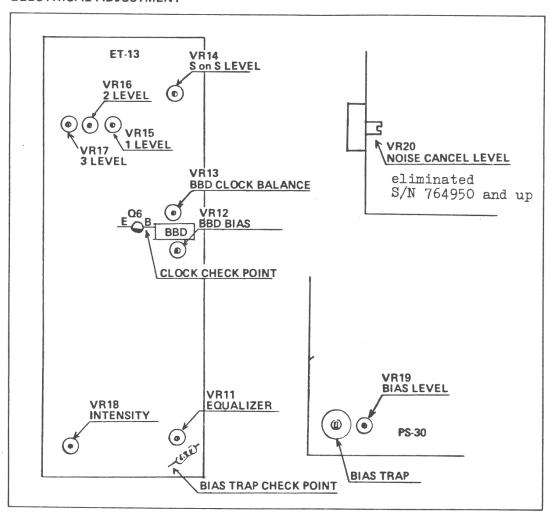


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	PARTS NO.	PARTS NAME AND DESCRIPTION		D 0003MD
01	120-036	Nut, Decoration, M3	*	R-280MR
02	123-004	Screw, Decoration, M3		can be used
03	092-004	Top cover No.4, pack (acrylic)		R-280MP
04	079-004	Frame No.4		
05	079-005	Frame No.5		
<b>0</b> 6	079-006	Frame No.6		
07	079-007	Frame No.7		
80	079-008	Frame No.8		
09	079-009	Frame No.9		
10	079-010	Frame No.10		
11	070-033	Leaf spring No.33		
12	101-017	Felt No.17		
13	061-063A	Chassis No.63A		
14	065-113	Cover, Bearing		
15	113-004	Bearing		
16	063-011	Plate No.11		
17	070-017	Spring No.17, Support for chassis		
18	070-018	Spring No.18		
19	•	Collar (plastic), M3 x 6mm		
20	120-001	Sleeve Nut No.1, 10mm		
21	•	Screw, B.H. M3 x 12mm, Nickel		
22	•	Screw, B.H. M3 x 15mm, Chrome		
23	•	Screw, B.H. M3 x 6mm,		
24	•	Screw, O.H. M3 x 15mm, Nickel		
25	•	Screw, B.H. M3 x 6mm,		
26		Screw, T.H. M2.6 x 4mm, Nickel		
27	•	Plain washer M3 x 8 x 0.5mm		
<b>2</b> 8	121-035	Plain washer No.35, M3 x 8 x 0.3mm Phosphor bronze		
<b>2</b> 9	•	Spring washer M3		
30		Nut, Hex M3		
31	070-005	Spring No.5		
32		Screw, B.H. M3 x 18mm		
33	101-008	Felt Chip No.8		
34	101-026	Felt No.26		
35	•	Screw, SEMS M3 x 8mm, Chrome (wire spring washer)		
	107-004	Cushion No.4		



#### 2. ELECTRICAL ADJUSTMENT



### SETTING OF SWITCHES AND CONTROLS ON FRONT PANEL FOR ADJUSTMENT

	ECHO	CHORUS	SOUND ON SOUND	REVERB	DIRECT
Input Level Switch	-50dB	-50dB	-50dB	-50dB	-50dB
Input Volume	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.	Max.
Output Level Switch	-15dB	-15dB	-15dB	-15dB	-15dB
Echo Switch	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
Echo Mode Switch	as specified	_	-	_	_
Echo Volume	Max.	400-	-	_	_
Repeat Rate	as specified	_	as specified	_	_
Chorus Switch	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
Chorus Intensity	_	as specified	-	_	_
Direct Signal Switch	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
Reverb Volume	Min.	Min.	Min.	Max.	Min.
Sound on Sound Switch	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
Echo/Single Delay Switch	Single Delay	_	1 -	-	-
Tone Controls	Center	Center	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup>Switches or controls marked - may be set to any position.

<sup>\*\*</sup>When Direct Signal Switch is set to OFF with other controls at DIRECT setting, the output should be 0.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>For adjustment, output should be taken through Output Jack A.

## INSTRUMENTS: Audio Generator AC VTVM, 2 units Oscilloscope

#### 2-1. TRAP COIL ADJUSTMENT

Note: This adjustment is necessary only when repairing the unit which may cause the change in

oscillation frequency.

The core is subject to breakage unless driver that fits closely is used.

Setting: Input - 0

Single Delay Switch - Single Delay

Measuring point:

BIAS-TRAP CHECK POINT on ET-13 Main Board

Measuring method:

Adjust trap coil on PS-30 to obtain minimum leakage of bias voltage. It should be not over than 20mVrms on AC VTVM.

#### 2-2. HEAD AZIMUTH

Setting: Input - 1KHz square wave, 3.8mV

Set to obtain Echo

Repeat Rate - Center

Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM

Measuring method:

- a) Adjust each head so that it is vertical to the chassis and the head gap is positioned at the center of the tape.
- b) Fine adjust so that level from each head is maximum and treble is produced best.
- c) The alignment should be made in the order of Recording Head, Playback Head 1, 2, and 3, and Sound on Sound Head.

#### 2-3. BIAS CURRENT ADJUSTMENT

Setting: The same as above, 9-2-2.

Echo mode - 1

Measuring point:

The same as above, 9-2-2.

Measuring method:

Adjust bias potentiometer VR19 on PS-30 to obtain maximum output.

#### 2-4. DIRECT OUTPUT LEVEL

Setting: Input - 1KHz sine wave, 3.2mV

Set to obtain only Direct sound.

Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM

Measuring method:

Make sure the output level is 89mV, for each of Input Jacks 1, 2 and 3.



#### 2-5. ECHO OUTPUT LEVEL

Setting: Input - 1KHz sine wave, 3.2mV

Set to obtain Echo sound.

Repeat rate - Center

#### Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM.

#### Measuring method:

Adjust VR15 to obtain the same output level as Direct output level with Echo Mode Switch at 1; VR16 with the switch at 2; and VR17 with the switch at 3.

#### 2-6. SOUND ON SOUND OUTPUT LEVEL

Setting: Input - 1KHz sine wave, 3.2mV

Set to obtain Sound on Sound sound

Repeat Rate - Center

#### Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM

#### Measuring method:

Adjust VR14 to obtain the same output level as Direct output level.

#### 2-7. EQUALIZER

Setting: Input - 1KHz, square wave, 3.8mV

Set to obtain Echo sound.

Mode Selector - 1

Tone control - BASS, Center

TREBLE, 1 graduation up from Center

#### Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope

#### Measuring method:

Adjust equalizer potentiometer VR11 so that the higher frequency response with Repeat Rate at Center equals that with Repeat Rate at Minimum. Turning VR11 counterclockwise lifts higher frequency response.

#### 2-8. INTENSITY

Setting: Input -0

Set to obtain Echo sound.

Single Delay Switch — Echo

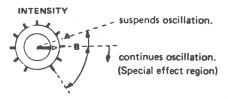
Mode Selector - 1

#### Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM, and also connect to an amplifier/speaker.

#### Measuring method:

Adjust Intensity Potentiometer VR18 so that oscillation occurs with Intensity Control on Panel at Point A and the level is the same as Direct output level.



#### 2-9. BBD BIAS OF CHORUS CIRCUIT

Setting: Input - 1KHz square wave, over 3.8mV

Set to obtain Chorus sound Chorus Intensity — Maximum

Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM

Measuring method:

Adjust BBD Bias Potentiometer VR12 so that output waveform is clipped neither at top nor bottom, that the level is 65mV and also that the waveform swings horizontally.

#### 2-10. BBD CLOCK BALANCE

Setting: Input - 0

Set to obtain Chorus sound.

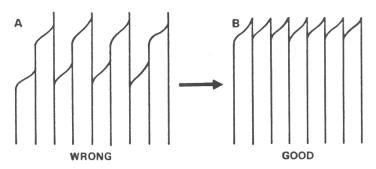
Chorus Intensity - Maximum

Measuring point:

Base of Transistor Q6, Oscilloscope

Measuring method:

Adjust Balance Potentiometer VR13 to obtain waveform of Fig.B, in the illustration below.



#### 2-11. REVERB OUTPUT LEVEL

Setting: Input - 1KHz sine wave, 3.2mV

Set to obtain Reverb sound alone.

Reverb Volume (VR8) - Maximum

Measuring point:

Output Jack, with Oscilloscope and AC VTVM

Measuring method:

Make sure that output waveform is not clipped and the level is approximately 80mV.

2-12. NOISE CANCEL CIRCUIT (needless serial no. 764950 and higher)

Setting: Input - 0

Set to obtain Echo sound.

Measuring point:

Output Jack, connect to an amplifier/speaker with gain set at maximum.

Measuring method:

Adjust Noise Cancel Potentiometer VR20 so that noise at spliced part of tape is not heard.